

Sunday, December 11, 2005 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

This Week's Readings: [Is 61:1-2a, 10-11](#), [1 Thes 5:16-24](#), [Jn 1:6-8, 19-28](#)



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*“I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”*

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Advent wreath.

This week, we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**, also known as “Gaudete Sunday”. “Gaudete” means joy! To symbolize this joy as we wait for our savior, we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath. For this week’s craft, make your own Advent wreath.

This wreath was made by my son Adam, who is also counting the days to Christmas. Using construction paper, we traced around Adam’s hands, which became the “leaves” on our wreath. We glued them to a paper plate, cutting a hole in the center. Next, we made our candles by rolling pieces of purple and pink construction paper and attaching our “flames”. You can add the flames each week as you “light” your

Your special wreath can stay “lit” all the time, just like the joy we feel at the coming of the birth of Baby Jesus!



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